



SIGHTSEEING & HIKING TOURS BY BUS

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SIGHTSEEING TOURS (BY BUS)

MOST POPULAR TOURS:

- Palm Springs Celebrity Homes
- Palm Springs Mid-Century Modern Architecture
- Palm Springs Aerial Tramway
- Andreas Canyon Walking Tour - Palm Springs Indian Canyons
- Palm Springs Air Museum and City Tour
- Living Zoo and Botanical Gardens
- Craft Beer Tasting Tour
- Coachella Valley Agriculture + Date Shake
- Palm Springs Highlights Tour
Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, Windmills, Celebrity Homes, Mid-Century Modern Architecture, and Iconic Art in Palm Springs
- East Valley Highlights Tour
The Murals of Indio and Coachella, Coachella Valley Agriculture, Salton Sea, Salvation Mountain, and Slab City
- Joshua Tree National Park

PALM SPRINGS COMBINATION TOURS:

- Celebrity Homes
- Mid-Century Modern Architecture
- Windmills
- Palm Springs Aerial Tramway
- Andreas Canyon - Palm Springs Indian Canyons
- Palm Springs Art Museum
- Palm Springs Air Museum
- Agua Caliente Cultural Museum
- Iconic Art in Palm Springs
Walk of Stars, Sonny Bono Statue, Lucy Ricardo (Lucille Ball) Bench, History of Suspended Time: A Monument for the Impossible, Forever Marilyn, Babies on the Move Exhibit, and the Isabelle Statue

PALM SPRINGS CELEBRITY HOMES

Maximum 100 guests

PALM SPRINGS - 3 TO 4 HOURS

Since the 1920's, Palm Springs has been the playground for Hollywood's elite. To this day, just the mention of Palm Springs evokes images of Tinseltown's biggest stars laying in the warm desert sunshine sipping cocktails by the pools of their private estates.

Our Palm Springs City & Celebrity Home Tour reveals what went on behind the walls of those estates, the iconic connection between Hollywood and Palm Springs, and how and why Palm Springs became the town of choice when Hollywood needed to let its hair down.

The tour will take you through the famed "Movie Colony" and the Old / Vista Las Palmas area where you'll pass famous homes and landmarks such as Frank Sinatra's Twin Palms Estate, Kenny Irwin's RoboLight's House, the Miami Vice House, Our Lady of Solitude Catholic Church, Ruth Hardy Park, the Ingleside Inn, Desert Regional Medical Center (formerly the El Mirador Resort), and the Elvis Honeymoon Hideaway.

Throughout the tour your guide will reveal the sizzle and scandal that defined the Hollywood scene in the Coachella Valley. With a liberal dose of star gossip, mid-century architecture and pop culture, this tour is sure to keep you fascinated and entertained!



ELVIS PRESLEY



LIBERACE



OCEAN'S 11 HOUSE



ELIZABETH TAYLOR



FRANK SINATRA TWIN PALMS



LEONADO DI CAPRIO

SOME OF THE CELEBRITIES WHO HAVE CALLED PALM SPRINGS HOME

Ann Miller, Barry Manilow, Betty Grable, Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Brian Boitano, Carmen Miranda, Cary Grant, Charles Farrell, Cher, Clark Gable/Carol Lombard, Dean Martin, Debbie Reynolds, Dinah Shore, Dorothy Lamour, Elizabeth Taylor, Gene Autry, George Hamilton, Gloria Swanson, Goldie Hawn/Kurt Russell, Howard Hughes, Jack Benny, Jean Harlow, Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker, John Kennedy, Judy Garland, Kate Smith, Kirk Douglas, Lawrence Welk, Lena Horne, Leonardo DiCaprio, Liberace, Lily Tomlin, Lucille Ball/Dezi Arnaz, Marilyn Monroe, Mary Martin, Mary Pickford, Nat King Cole, Papa John Phillips, Ronald and Nancy Reagan, Spencer Tracy/Katharine Hepburn, Tony Curtis/Janet Leigh, Zsa Zsa Gabor, and more!

MID-CENTURY MODERN ARCHITECTURE

Maximum 100 guests

PALM SPRINGS - 3 TO 4 HOURS

In the 1920s and 30s Palm Springs emerged as a resort destination, drawing Hollywood elites and affluent vacationers from the east. It became a playground for the rich and carefree – a reputation that enhanced its popularity and fueled its explosive growth through the 1940s, 50s and 60s.

Drawn by the growing need for homes and buildings, as well as the extraordinary desert landscape and the city's unrestrained spirit of reinvention, dozens of young architects like Donald Wexler and Albert Frey came to Palm Springs where they embarked on an extraordinary experiment. The results of this experiment were thousands of bold, innovative structures that expressed the spirit of their unique time and place and enhanced the stark beauty of the desert, incorporating the aesthetic space between sand, mountains, and sky.

On this tour, you will see the fruits of this fertile environment where the confluence of bold, innovative architects met the needs of Hollywood's elite and captains of industry for homes that reflected their hip, casual desert lifestyles in the optimistic post-war era. You will visit the neighborhoods that became known for both mid-century architecture and the famous people who called these iconic marvels "home".



SWISS MISS STYLE HOMES



BUTTERFLY ROOF HOMES



WEXLER STEEL HOUSE



NEUTRA'S KAUFMANN HOUSE



BOB HOPE'S LAUTNER HOUSE



KAPTUR HOUSE

MID-CENTURY MODERN ARCHITECTS AND DEVELOPERS IN PALM SPRINGS

Richard Neutra, John Lautner, Donald Wexler, William "Bill" Krisel, E. Stewart Williams, William Cody, Albert Frey, John Porter Clark, George and Robert Alexander, Hugh Kaptur, Jack Meiselman, A. Quincy Jones

PALM SPRINGS AERIAL TRAMWAY

PALM SPRINGS - 4 TO 5 HOURS

Maximum 50-60 guests per tram car -
larger group can be accommodated
by staggering departures

Soar from the warm desert floor to the alpine Mountain station at 8,516 feet in approximately fourteen breath-taking minutes. The state-of-the art tramcars from Switzerland are some of the largest in the world, offering a large viewing area and featuring an innovative rotating floor design that provides a 360-degree viewing experience that you will not soon forget!

At the top of Mount San Jacinto, your guide will point out interesting landmarks from the overlook area that stretch all the way to Mexico! Guests can also enjoy a wonderful 22-minute film on the history of the Aerial Tram plus plenty of space to sit and enjoy the spectacular view.

NOTES:

- *Two weeks advance notice is required for reservations*
- *The standard capacity of the tram cars is 80 guests*
- *Tram capacity limited to 55 guests as of 8/1/2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions and masks are required in the tram cars and at the base and mountain stations*
- *The Tram will be closed for annual maintenance from 9/7/2021 through 10/4/2021*

DINING OPTIONS:

- *Ride n' Lunch Package (minimum 25 guests) - offered daily 11:30 am to 3:00 PM*
- *Ride n' Dine Package - offered daily after 4 PM*
- *Private lunch or dinner event at the top of the tram*
- *Shopping and lunch in the Village of Palm Springs*



ANDREAS CANYON WALKING TOUR

Maximum 100 guests

PALM SPRINGS INDIAN CANYONS – 4 TO 5 HOURS

Visit spectacular Andreas Canyon in the beautiful and serene Palm Springs Indian Canyons.

Enjoy a guided 1-mile nature walk through a lush palm oasis along a running creek. The springtime brings spectacular wildflower displays and an abundance of animal and bird life.

The canyons are sacred to the Cahuilla Indians and are historically important to scientists and nature lovers. Footpaths wind along the canyon, and your experienced naturalist guide will share interesting facts about the Aqua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, who developed complex communities in these lush oases.

NOTE:

- *Guests should be able to complete an easy to moderate 1-mile nature walk along Andreas Creek. The ground is uneven in places and guests must climb up and over medium sized rocks in places along the trail.*

DINING OPTIONS:

- *Boxed lunch in Andreas Canyon*
- *Shopping and lunch in the Village of Palm Springs*



PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM

Maximum 60 guests

PALM SPRINGS - 4 TO 5 HOURS

The Palm Springs Air Museum is a living history museum dedicated to educating the public about the role Air Power played in preserving American liberties and way of life. The Museum preserves, exhibits, and flies aircraft from World War Two, Korea, and the Vietnam Wars.

Most of the aircraft are in flyable condition. Many of their docents are veterans and are willing to share their experiences and sacrifices for the education of future generations. In addition to flyable and static aircraft, the Museum uses permanent and temporary exhibits, related artifacts, artwork, and library sources to perpetuate American History.

On the way to and from the air museum, your professional guide will share fascinating stories about the history, culture, and lifestyle in the Greater Palm Springs area and point out landmarks and points of interest along the route.

NOTE:

- *Museum Tours are offered between 10 AM and 3 PM daily*

DINING OPTIONS:

- *Lunch and shopping in the Village of Palm Springs*
- *Boxed or catered lunch at the Air Museum*



ICONIC ART IN PALM SPRINGS

Same as main tour capacity

OPTIONAL 1-HOUR WALKING TOUR ADD-ON FOR PALM SPRINGS TOURS

OPTIONAL 1-HOUR ADD-ON FOR:

- *Celebrity Homes Tour*
- *Mid-Century Modern Architecture Tour*
- *Palm Springs Aerial Tramway*
- *Andreas Canyon - Palm Springs Indian Canyons*
- *Palm Springs Air Museum*

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDES:

Add a 1-hour walking tour to your experience to view some iconic art installations such as:

- *Some of the tiles on the Palm Springs Walk of Stars*
- *Sonny Bono Statue by Emmanuil Snitkovsky*
- *Lucy Ricardo (Lucille Ball) Bench by Emmanuil Snitkovsky*
- *History of Suspended Time: A Monument for the Impossible by Gonzalo Lebrija*
- *Forever Marilyn Statue by Seward Johnson*
- *Babies on the Move Exhibit by David Černý*
- *Isabelle Statue by Julian Voss-Andreae*



SONNY BONO STATUE



LUCY RICARDO BENCH



HISTORY OF SUSPENDED TIME



FOREVER MARILYN STATUE



BABIES ON THE MOVE EXHIBIT



ISABELLE STATUE

THE LIVING DESERT ZOO & GARDENS

Maximum 100 guests

PALM DESERT – 3 TO 4 HOURS

The Living Desert is a beautiful and unique 1,200-acre wildlife sanctuary and botanical park featuring rare and endangered desert animals from the World's deserts.

Here you will see the majestic endangered Bighorn sheep in its natural habitat. Visit Village Wa Tu Tu, a recreation of an African Village, and journey to "Eagle Canyon", which features streams, bobcats, mountain lions, magnificent golden eagles, Mexican wolves, and many other animal and bird species.

The Botanical Gardens replicate ten major North American desert regions such as the Mojave. Here a variety of plants from the desert ecosystem like smoke trees, cacti, Palo Verde, yuccas and saguaros can be seen.



NOTE:

- Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, tours of the commissioner's house, Behind the Scenes Tours, and other options are not available.
- This tour includes general admission to the park only.
- Guests will have 2 to 2.5 hours to explore the park at their own pace.

DINING AND OTHER OPTIONS:

- Lunch and shopping in on El Paseo in Palm Desert
- Giraffe Feeding Tickets



CRAFT BEER TASTING TOUR

LA QUINTA AND PALM DESERT - 3 TO 4 HOURS

Maximum 40 guests at a time. Up to 80 guests can be accommodated by using 2 buses and starting each bus at a different brewery.

Join us for an afternoon of fun as we visit two of the premier micro-breweries in the Greater Palm Springs area: Coachella Valley Brewing Company and La Quinta Brewing Company.

At the brewery stops, you will learn about the micro-brew process and what flavors go into the beers and you will have the chance to taste several exceptional craft beers at each location (you will taste a total of 6-8 beers on the tour).

NOTES:

- *Guests must be at least 21 years of age to take this tour.*
- *This tour is offered during regular CV Brewing Tasting Room hours which are currently (but subject to change):*
 - Monday - Thursday from 3:00 - 8:00 PM
 - Friday from 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 - Sunday 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- *Due to Brewery capacity limitations, the maximum number of guests for this tour is 40 people per group/bus. Up to 80 guests can be accommodated using two buses with 40 guests each with one bus starting at La Quinta Brewing Company and the other starting at Coachella Valley Brewing Company.*

DINING OPTIONS:

- *Bar snacks or lunch at one of the breweries.*
- *Beer tasting and pub dinner by open-air Jeep*



COACHELLA VALLEY AGRICULTURE

Maximum 50 guests

EAST COACHELLA VALLEY (INDIO/COACHELLA/MECCA) - 4 TO 5 HOURS

This adventure travels through the heart of the Coachella Valley's agricultural district, east of Palm Springs. The Coachella Valley's agriculture offers a cornucopia of diverse crops - from exotic mangoes to ordinary potatoes.

The top single crop produced in the Coachella Valley is table grapes. Ninety percent of grape growers use drip irrigation, a water conservation technique that aims water directly at a plant's stalk and root. A variety of other fruits and vegetables are grown in the Coachella Valley including a variety of citrus (lemons, limes, grapefruit, oranges, and tangerines), bell peppers, dates, strawberries, artichokes, and carrots - just to name a few!

Turf, forage growth (such as hay), and nursery plantings also contribute significantly to the Coachella Valley's agriculture revenue. West Coast Turf stands as the valley's biggest producer. Turf is grown on parcels that once grew crops.

Tour includes a stop for a Date Shake at a local date farm.

DINING OPTIONS:

- *Boxed Lunch*
- *Farm-to-Table Lunch*



PALM SPRINGS HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Maximum 100 guests

PALM SPRINGS – 6 TO 7 HOURS

Join us for a day of exploration as we visit some of the most interesting points of interest in Palm Springs.

THIS ACTION-PACKED EXCURSION INCLUDES:

- *Palm Springs Aerial Tramway*
- *Windmills*
- *Celebrity Homes and Mid-Century Modern Architecture*
- *Iconic Art in Palm Springs*
 - Walk of Stars
 - Sonny Bono Statue
 - Lucy Ricardo (Lucille Ball) Bench
 - History of Suspended Time: A Monument for the Impossible
 - Forever Marilyn
 - Babies on the Move Exhibit
 - Isabelle Statue

TRAMWAY NOTES:

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DINING OPTIONS

- *Boxed lunch and on-board snacks and beverages*
- *Lunch stop in the Village of Palm Springs*



EAST VALLEY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Maximum 50 guests

EAST COACHELLA VALLEY (COACHELLA/MECCA/SALTON SEA) - 6 TO 7 HOURS

Join us for a unique journey east as we explore the wonders that lie outside the main cities of Greater Palm Springs. Our first stop will be in the city of Coachella, where we will view several colorful and vibrant murals that depict abstract representations of the desert, Latino culture, and the artists' own backgrounds.

Next, we will pass through Mecca, an unincorporated community in Riverside County, which is the heart of the agricultural district. While Greater Palm Springs is known for its awesome weather, amazing outdoor recreational areas, and spectacular golf courses, spas, and resorts, did you know that the #2 industry in the Coachella Valley is agriculture? Learn about the abundant crops that grow in the desert on this east-valley adventures.

Continuing our way east, we will pass by the North shore of the Salton Sea, a man-made mistake! As we near the end of our east-ward trek, we will stop at Salvation Mountain by local resident and American folk artist, Leonard Knight.

Our final stop before turning back is Slab City, an off-the-grid community of squatters, artists, snowbirds, migrants, and survivalists inhabiting a former military base. On the way back to the hotel we will stop for a delicious date shake at a local date garden.

DINING AND OTHER OPTIONS:

- *Boxed Lunch*
- *Stop for lunch in Coachella at a local restaurant*



JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK

Maximum 100 guests

HIGH DESERT (1 TO 1.5 HOURS FROM PALM SPRINGS) – 6 HOURS

Travel through two deserts and the transition zone between two ecosystems as you journey from the low to high desert. Below 3,000 feet, the Colorado Desert encompasses the eastern part of the Joshua Tree National Park and features natural gardens of creosote bush, ocotillo, and cholla cactus.

The higher, moister, and slightly cooler Mojave Desert is the special habitat of the Joshua tree. The western part of the park includes some of the most interesting geologic displays found in California's deserts. Rugged mountains of twisted rock and exposed granite monoliths testify to the tremendous earth forces that shaped and formed California's Wild West.

This tour includes multiple stops for photos, including Keys View Overlook (weather permitting) where you can see all the way to Mexico on a clear day! So don't forget your camera, as you will want to take pictures of the gigantic boulders, Joshua trees, yuccas, and other lush plant life that thrive in this area.

DINING OPTIONS:

- *Boxed lunch in Joshua Tree National Park*
- *Lunch or dinner at Pappy & Harriet's in Pioneer Town - (closed Tuesday and Wednesday and for lunch on Monday). No reservations accepted. Seating is first come, first serve - Allow a minimum of 2 hours for lunch*
- *VIP lunch at private venue in Yucca Valley or Joshua Tree*
- *Lunch at a Yucca Valley or Joshua Tree restaurant*





HIKING TOURS

MOST POPULAR HIKES

- San Andreas Fault – Metate Ranch
Customized private hiking experiences
- Murray Canyon to Seven Sisters Waterfall – Indian Canyons
Moderate 4-mile in-and-out hike to a lush oasis
- Tahquitz Canyon Loop Trail – Palm Springs
Strenuous 2-mile loop hike to a 60-foot waterfall
- Santa Rosa Mountains Hikes
Easy (2.5-mile) to moderate (3.5 to 4-mile) hikes from Palm Springs and Palm Desert
- Bear Creek Wash – La Quinta Cove
Moderate 4-mile in-and-out hike from the top of La Quinta Cove
- Long Valley Discovery Loop Trail
Alpine hike from the top of the Palm Springs Aerial Tram
- Big Morongo Preserve
Easy 2-mile hike through desert oasis, marsh and cottonwood and willow riparian (stream) habitat along boardwalks and dirt trails.
- Whitewater Preserve – Canyon View Loop Trail
Moderate 3.75-mile loop trail that climbs up cactus-dotted hills to an overlook of the Whitewater River and views of the western end of the Coachella Valley and the peaks of the San Jacinto Mountains.
- Joshua Tree National Park (1 to 1.5 hour drive each way)
Multiple easy to moderate hikes from which to choose

*Morning hikes are offered September through May
Afternoon hikes are offered November through March*

SAN ANDREAS FAULT

METATE RANCH – INDIO – 3.5 TO 4 HOURS

Maximum 150 guests - Hiking Tours can also be combined with Jeep Tours and other activities at Metate Ranch to accommodate guests with a range of activity levels

Explore a “desert badlands” and the strange and eerie world of the San Andreas Fault.

You will be thoroughly entertained and enthralled as your expert naturalist guides bring the desert and its geology and history to life.

Guests will explore spectacular steep-walled canyons on foot. See twisted and tormented landscapes, warped and bent by the powerful movement of the Earth’s crust. Learn how tectonic forces created the slanted, vertical and wave-like structures that have been described as the most tortured landscape on earth.

The truly adventurous can climb from the bowls to the crest of the fault line up a 10-foot ladder to enjoy spectacular views of the Coachella Valley.

DIFFICULTY:

- Metate Ranch offers a variety of hiking options ranging from a short and easy hike through a wide, flat canyon to a moderate 4-mile ladder hike to the top of the fault line.

DINING AND OTHER OPTIONS:

- Boxed lunch at Metate Ranch
- Catered breakfast or lunch at Metate Ranch
- Grab-and-go snack station at Metate Ranch
- Combine a hiking tour with a Jeep Tour to gain access to back-country trails



MURRAY CANYON

Maximum 50 guests

PALM SPRINGS INDIAN CANYONS – 3 TO 4 HOURS

Enjoy a guided hike across the desert landscape from Andreas Canyon to Murray Canyon in the Palm Springs Indian Canyons.

There are abundant California fan palms and other desert vegetation including cacti, desert willows and cottonwood trees along the trail which wanders through a canyon and along a stream for much of the journey (though the first mile is through open desert). There are also amazing rock formations and abundant wildlife, including countless species of insects, birds, lizards, and some snakes.

DIFFICULTY:

- Moderate 2 to 4.2-mile out-and-back hike with 450' to 708' of elevation gain
- The distance and elevation gain on this hike depends on how far the group wants to go. If you go all the way to the end, you'll reach the Seven Sisters Falls – a beautiful series of stair step cascades that tumble down the canyon. To get to the end does require some rock scrambling.
- During warm weather, guests are advised to beware of rattlesnakes and to follow their guide's safety instructions.

DINING OPTIONS:

- Boxed lunch in Andreas Canyon
- Lunch and/or shopping in the Village of Palm Springs



TAHQUITZ CANYON LOOP TRAIL

Maximum 50 guests

PALM SPRINGS - 4 TO 5 HOURS

Tahquitz Canyon is one of the most beautiful and culturally sensitive areas of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Reservation and is home to a spectacular seasonal 60-foot waterfall, rock art, ancient irrigation systems, native wildlife, and plants.

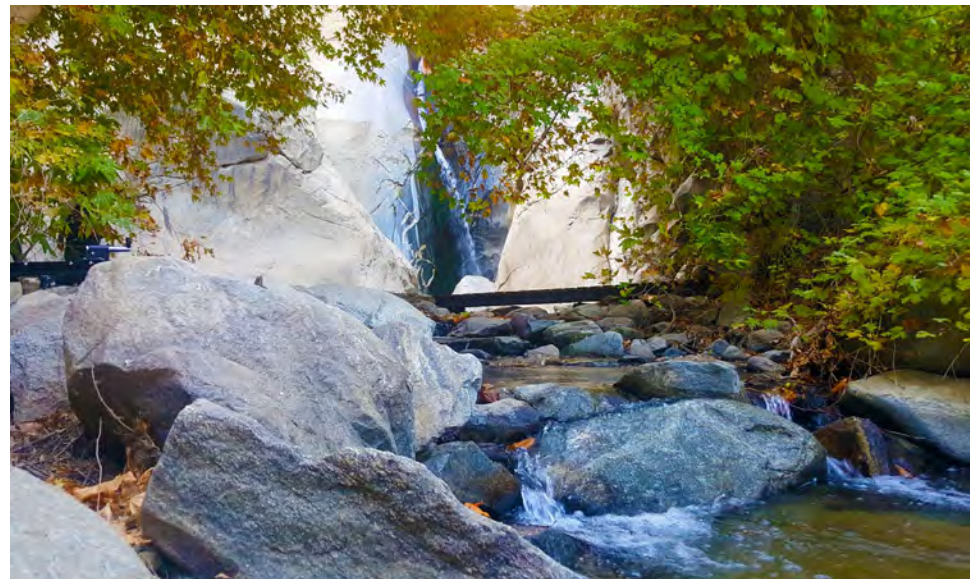
On this guided hike, you will learn about the Legend of Tahquitz and about the history of the Agua Caliente People.

DIFFICULTY:

- *Moderate to strenuous 1.8 mile loop trail with 350' of elevation gain*
- *The trail is steep and rocky with many rock steps to climb. You must have good balance and be able to climb up and down rock steps that may be as high as 12-15 inches.*
- *The canyon has very little shade and no restroom facilities.*
- *Proper footwear is required.*

DINING OPTIONS:

- *Boxed lunch*
- *Lunch and/or shopping in the Village of Palm Springs*



SANTA ROSA MOUNTAINS HIKE

Maximum 50 guests

FROM PALM SPRINGS OR PALM DESERT – 4 TO 4.5 HOURS

The Santa Rosa Mountains feature spectacular hiking with numerous trailheads beginning in Palm Springs and Palm Desert. For guests in La Quinta, we recommend the Bear Creek Wash Hike. Here are a few of our favorite trails.

OSWIT CANYON - PALM SPRINGS (3.5 HOURS)

Scenic features include mountain and canyon views and a variety of vegetation. The turnaround point features a seasonal waterfall (moderate 4-mile out-and-back hike with 850' of elevation gain – gradual climb)

S. LYKKEN TRAIL - PALM SPRINGS (3 HOURS)

Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy the South Lykken Trail for its moderate yet steep switchbacks and spectacular views of Palm Springs, Mt. San Jacinto, and the Coachella Valley (Moderate 3.5-mile round-trip hike with 900' elevation gain)

RANDALL HENDERSON TRAIL - PALM DESERT (2 HOURS)

Named for the founder of Palm Desert, this loop trail starts at the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains Visitor's Center and meanders through small canyons and across low ridges (easy 2.4-mile loop trail with 426' of elevation gain)

The time in parentheses is the estimated active hiking time.



BEAR CREEK WASH HIKE

Maximum 100 guests

LA QUINTA COVE – 3.5 TO 4.5 HOURS

This spectacular hike in the La Quinta Cove starts in a wide desert alluvial fan created by millions of tons of rock and soil washing down from the Santa Rosa Mountains and continues through fields of boulders into steep walled canyons adorned with a variety of native shrubs and trees.

The first mile is flat and easy as you follow the Bear Creek wash up into the Santa Rosa foothills.

From there, the trail starts to climb, winding along the ridges and switchbacks to an overlook where you can see for miles. The views of La Quinta and the hills and rocks of the area are beautiful. On this trail you feel isolated from the hustle and bustle of the valley below.

Some boulder scrambling (no more difficult than climbing stairs) is required.

While the trail continues upwards, we will turn around at the overlook as the climb becomes much steeper and more strenuous beyond this point.

DIFFICULTY:

- Moderate 4-mile out-and-back hike with 405' elevation gain

DINING OPTIONS:

- Lunch and shopping in Old Town La Quinta
- Lunch and shopping on El Paseo in Palm Desert



LONG VALLEY DISCOVERY LOOP

AT THE TOP OF THE PALM SPRINGS AERIAL TRAMWAY - 4 TO 5 HOURS

Maximum 50-60 guests per tram car -
larger group can be accommodated by
staggering departures

Soar from the warm desert floor to the alpine Mountain station at 8,516 feet in approximately fourteen breathtaking minutes. The state-of-the art tramcars from Switzerland are some of the largest in the world, offering a large viewing area and featuring an innovative rotating floor design that provides a 360-degree viewing experience that you will not soon forget!

Then join your guide on a narrated 1-mile hike through picturesque Long Valley. The incline from the Mountain Station to the valley floor is steep and may not be accessible for all guests.

For guests who choose not to hike, there is a wonderful 22-minute film on the history of the Aerial Tram plus plenty of space to sit and enjoy the spectacular view.

NOTES:

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- The Tram will be closed for annual maintenance from 9/7/2021 through 10/4/2021
- Dress for the weather - temperatures can be 30 to 40 degrees cooler than the desert floor below and there is often snow in the winter.
- This hike is at over 8,500 feet in elevation.



WHITewater CANYON PRESERVE

Maximum 50 guests

ABOUT 30 MINUTES NORTHWEST OF PALM SPRINGS – 4 TO 5 HOURS

Whitewater Preserve is 2,851 acres surrounded by the Bureau of Land Management's San Geronio Wilderness and includes the year-round Whitewater River. Rich riparian habitat hosts the endangered southwestern willow flycatcher and least Bell's vireo, and provides opportunity to see migrating summer tanagers and vermilion flycatchers. The canyon has a robust population of bighorn sheep, deer and bear, and is an important wildlife corridor between the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains.

CANYON VIEW LOOP TRAIL

The Canyon View Loop begins and ends at the ranger station in the Whitewater Preserve, and it crosses one of the few year-round rivers in the Mojave Desert at multiple points. The trail traces the wash before it joins a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail for a climb up some cactus-dotted hills that overlook the Whitewater River, and you'll have views of the western end of the Coachella Valley and the peaks of the San Jacinto Mountains. Keep a lookout for bighorn sheep that live in the adjacent craggy mountains.

DIFFICULTY

- Moderate 3.75-mile loop trail with 650' of elevation gain



BIG MORONGO CANYON PRESERVE

Maximum 50 guests

ABOUT 30 MINUTES NORTH OF PALM SPRINGS – 4 TO 5 HOURS

Nestled among the Little San Bernardino Mountains in the Sand to Snow National Monument, the desert oasis at Big Morongo Canyon is one of the 10 largest cottonwood and willow riparian habitats in California. This easy 2-mile hike will take you along 3 connecting trails that meander through a variety of vegetation including Fremont cottonwoods, red willows, an occasional white alder, cattails, bulrushes, wire rushes, scrub oak, Mojave yucca, cacti, Indian Paintbrush, dwarf willow, desert willow, evergreen yerba santa, wild tarragon, goldenrods, cattail, yerba mansa, water parsnip, and water cress.

MARSH TRAIL

A short winding boardwalk meanders over and along a stream. A birder's paradise, especially in the spring and fall, the marsh area supports the second highest density of breeding birds known in the United States.

MESQUITE TRAIL

Boardwalks and bridges lead you along an enchanting stream that forms the marsh habitat. Skirt the foot of a desert mountain where boulders painted with lichen hug the drier slopes above.

DESERT WILLOW TRAIL

This dirt trail wanders through open fields of fall-blooming alkali golden-bush, along the edge of honey mesquite thickets, then drops into a desert wash habitat.



JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK HIKING

Maximum 100 guests

1+ HOUR NORTH OF PALM SPRINGS - EASY HIKES - 6 HOURS

Join a naturalist guide for an easy hike through a scenic wonderland.

ARCH ROCK TRAIL (1-HOUR)

A lollipop trail through sandy and rocky terrain. The arch is located halfway along the loop (1.4 miles round trip with 100' elevation gain).

HIDDEN VALLEY LOOP (1-HOUR)

Discover a rock-enclosed valley that was once rumored to have been used by cattle rustlers (1 mile with 100' elevation gain).

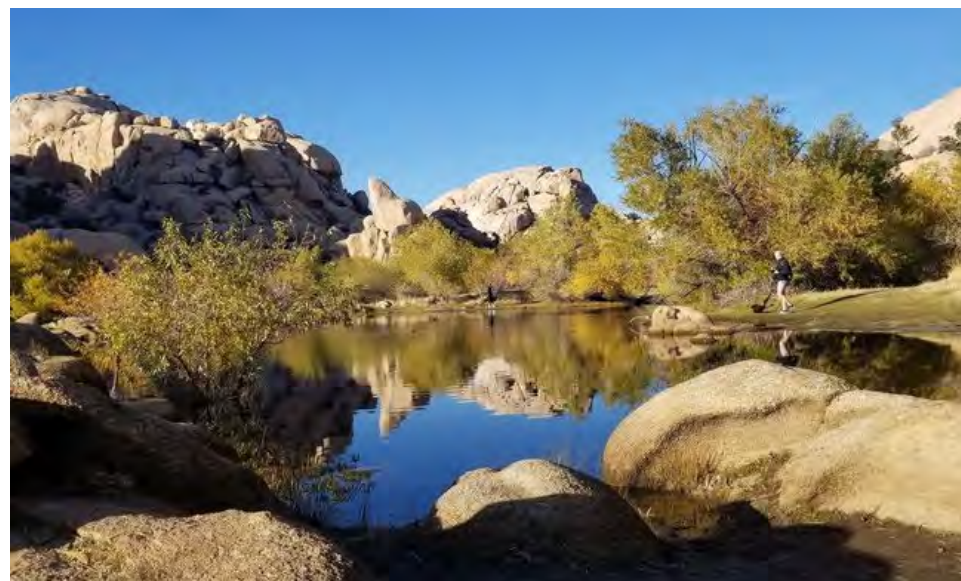
BARKER DAM LOOP (1-HOUR)

Explore cultural history and view a water tank built by early cattle ranchers. Watch for bighorn sheep (1.1 miles round trip with 50' elevation gain).

SKULL ROCK LOOP (1-2 HOURS)

Explore boulder piles, desert washes, and the namesake Skull Rock (1.7 miles with 160' elevation gain).

With these four hikes, there will be time to make a couple of other short stops to view some of the other Park highlights.



JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK HIKING

Maximum 50 guests

1+ HOUR NORTH OF PALM SPRINGS - MODERATE HIKES - 6 HOURS

49-PALMS OASIS (2 TO 3 HOURS)

Hike up an over a ridge dotted with barrel cactus and then descend into a rocky canyon with a fan palm oasis (3 miles out-and-back with 300' elevation gain in each direction).

RYAN MOUNTAIN (1.5 TO 2 HOURS)

Discover a rock-enclosed valley that was once rumored to have been used by cattle rustlers (3 miles out-and-back with 1050' elevation gain).

These hikes are a little longer and will not leave time to visit other Park highlights. Guests should be in good physical conditioning before attempting these hikes.

DINING OPTIONS:

- Boxed lunch in Joshua Tree National Park
- Breakfast or Lunch at a Yucca Valley or Joshua Tree restaurant
- Lunch in Pioneer Town (Wednesday - Sunday) - Adds a least 2 hours to your tour (no reservations accepted)





SHOPPING TOURS

The desert is a shopper's paradise. Whether you love shopping unique local boutiques, designer shops, vintage finds or your favorite retailers, Greater Palm Springs has plenty of shopping options.

From outlet malls to street fairs, chic boutiques to independently owned galleries, you're sure to find just what you're shopping for.

Discover locally crafted souvenirs, retro-fabulous vintage clothing, high-fashion resort wear and just about everything in-between while shopping in Greater Palm Springs.

SHOPPING TOUR OPTIONS

- El Paseo Shopping and Galleries
- Palm Springs Art Museum and Shopping
- Desert Hills Premium Outlet Shopping Trip
- Village Fest - Thursday Night Street Festival

EL PASEO SHOPPING AND GALLERIES

Maximum 100 guests

PALM DESERT 4 HOURS

Join us for an afternoon of shopping and exploring public art installations and high-end art galleries featuring local artists on El Paseo, the “Rodeo Drive of the desert”.

THE SHOPS ON EL PASEO

Designer shopping meets sophisticated dining at The Shops on El Paseo, a luxury retail district nestled at the base of the Santa Rosa Mountains in Palm Desert. El Paseo boulevard is an experience in and of itself, lined with stately palm trees, public art, fine eateries, day spas and salons, and name-brand boutiques with fashionable offerings from a variety of designers. Browse popular stores such as Escada, Grayse, Ralph Lauren, or go for distinctively casual luxury at Chico’s

THE GARDEN’S OF EL PASEO

The Garden’s of El Paseo features beautiful desert landscaping, scenic views, and shopping at its finest. This beautiful outdoor mall features brands like Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Pottery Barn, Tiffany & Co., and Williams-Sonoma.

EL PASEO ART GALLERIES

In addition to world-renowned shopping and dining, El Paseo is known for its public art installations and amazing art galleries. Peruse the CODA gallery, the sculpture gardens outside Melissa Morgan Fine Art, or one of a dozen unique art and sculpture galleries.



PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM & SHOPPING

Maximum 100 guests

PALM SPRINGS 4 HOURS

Art and shopping mix as we journey to famed Palm Canyon Drive in the heart of Downtown Palm Springs.

PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM

Nestled at the base of the Santa Rosa Mountains, the Palm Springs Art Museum is an innovative and forward-thinking cultural center in the Coachella Valley. The museum, designed by noted architect E. Stewart Williams, encompasses three floors of inspiring and invigorating artwork presented in a variety of media.

PALM SPRINGS ART WALK

After leaving the Art Museum, your guide will take you to see several pieces of distinctive outdoor art including the 26-foot-tall Forever Marilyn statute designed by Seward Johnson, a super-sized tribute to Marilyn Monroe's iconic scene from Billy Wilder's 1955 comedy, "The Seven Year Itch". You'll also see the amazing Isabelle statute by the renowned Quantum Physicist turned sculptor, Julian Voss-Andeas. The sculpture creates a visual illusion as the statue seemingly disappears as you walk around her.

SHOPPING ON PALM CANYON DRIVE

Your Palm Springs visit will also leave you time for retail therapy as you explore the myriad of shops and galleries along Palm Canyon Drive or grab a cup of coffee or a glass of wine and just sit and relax in the warm California sun.



DESERT HILLS PREMIUM OUTLETS

Maximum 100 guests

4 TO 5 HOURS

For the serious shopper, nothing beats a few hours spent exploring the myriad of stores at the Desert Hills Premium Outlets in Cabazon.

Nestled between the Santa Rosa and San Geronimo Mountain Ranges, guests can shop for more for less at outlet fashion brands like Tommy Hilfiger, Adidas, Michael Kors, and more.

SHOP 'TILL YOU DROP AT MORE THAN 180 STORES:

- *Men's and Women's Apparel - from high fashion to casual sportswear*
- *Accessories*
- *Baby, Toddler, and Child Apparel and Accessories*
- *Cosmetics, Health and Beauty*
- *Collectibles*
- *Electronics*
- *Eyewear*
- *Footwear*
- *Gourmet and Specialty Foods*
- *Handbags and Luggage*
- *Home furnishings and Housewares*
- *Jewelry*
- *Perfume*
- *Sporting Goods*
- *Toys and Games*
- *And MORE!*



PALM SPRINGS VILLAGE FEST

Maximum 250 guests

3 TO 4 HOURS – THURSDAY NIGHTS

VillageFest is a open-air night street fair featuring arts, crafts, food, shopping, and entertainment in the heart of Downtown Palm Springs.

Palm Canyon Drive is closed to vehicular traffic each week and transformed into a festive, pedestrian street fair.

Vendor booths are set up on both sides of the street along a roughly three-block stretch, and visitors can stroll through the traffic-free event.

To top it off, many of the stores on Palm Canyon Drive stay open late allowing locals and visitors to shop for souvenirs, gifts, apparel, and more.

Come to Palm Springs for dinner, explore the street festival, and enjoy some live entertainment!

VILLAGEFEST HOURS – EVERY THURSDAY

6:00 – 10:00 PM October through May

7:00 – 10:00 PM June through September



OTHER ACTIVITIES

THESE TOURS ACTIVITIES ARE CURRENTLY OPERATING,
SUBJECT TO CHANGING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

JEEP TOURS – MINIMUM 20 / MAXIMUM 200 GUESTS

- ***San Andreas Fault Jeep Tour*** – this is our signature tour to our private and exclusive Metate Ranch location.
- *Palm Springs Indian Canyons Walking Tour by Jeep* – Guided walking tour of Andreas Canyon + Palm Canyon Overlook + short walk to a water cave.
- *Painted Canyon / Mecca Hills (agriculture + hiking on the San Andreas fault)* – only offered from the JW Marriott, Hyatt Regency Indian Wells, Renaissance Esmeralda, and La Quinta Resort and Club (max 42 pp)

OTHER SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES / ATTRACTIONS

- *Bike Tours*
- *Bike Rentals – Delivered to your hotel*
- *BMW Driving Experience at the Thermal Club*
- *Horseback Riding*
- *Sunnylands Center and Gardens (Estate tours are offered mid-September through early June, subject to availability)*
- *Shopping Tours*

CUSTOM EXPERIENCES

- *Let us curate a customized experience for your group that incorporates some of the amazing points of interest throughout the area.*
- *See below for a list of recommended museums, attractions, galleries, and other points of interest in and around Greater Palm Springs for ideas.*



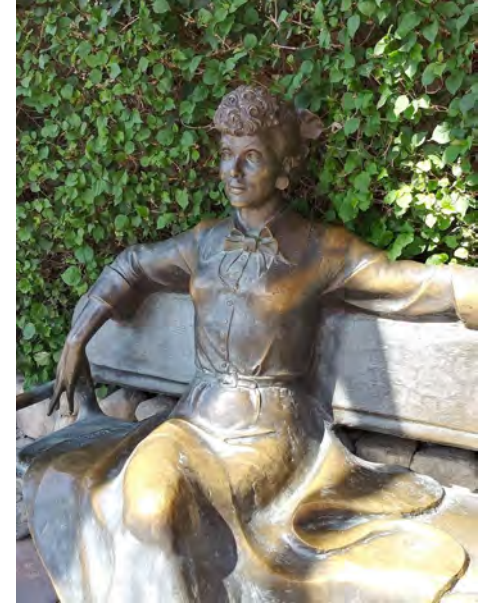
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PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS

You've probably heard about the Forever Marilyn statue. But there are over 100 other amazing public art works including fountains, statues, memorials, and murals scattered throughout Greater Palm Springs depicting celebrities and historical figures and celebrating the rich culture, history, and heritage of the area!



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PALM SPRINGS

- *Attractions*

- Celebrity Homes
- Forever Marilyn - Marilyn Monroe Statue
- Mid-Century Modern Architecture
- Moorten's Botanical Gardens
- Palm Springs Aerial Tram
Closed for annual maintenance 9/7/2021 through 10/4/2021
- Palm Springs Indian Canyons
- Tahquitz Canyon
- VillageFest - Thursday night street fair in the Village of Palm Springs with food, arts and crafts, and entertainment
- Walk of Stars
- Village of Palm Springs - Great shopping, dining, and entertainment

- *Museums*

- Agua Caliente Cultural Museum
- Palm Springs Air Museum
- Palm Springs Art Museum
- Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center
- Village Green Heritage Center featuring the Palm Springs Historical Society Museum, Cornelia White House, Ruddy's 1930's General Store, and McCallum Adobe

- *Art Galleries*

- Artize Gallery
- Backstreet Art District
- Brian Marki Fine Art & Framing
- Christopher Anthony Ltd
- David A Clark Studio
- Desert Art Center
- Desert Artists Argento Creations
- Desert Painter Studio Gallery
- Elena Bulatova Fine Art
- Fusion Art
- Janssen Artspace
- Juan-Manuel Alonso Art
- Rebel Art Space
- Rubine Red Gallery
- Smith Vargas Fine Art
- The Shag Store



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CATHEDRAL CITY

- *Art Galleries*
 - Anne Bedrick Fine Art Gallery
 - Coachella Valley Art Scene BLOG and Gallery
 - Elan Vital Galleries
 - Leslie Jean Porter Gallery
 - Mandy Main Studios
 - S.C.R.A.P. Gallery
 - Trenz Gallery
 - Warren Knap Gallery
- *Attractions*
 - Big League Dreams
 - Boomer's - Featuring Go Carts, Bumper Boats, Miniature Golf, Rock Wall, Batting Cages, Arcade Games
 - Desert IMAX Theater
 - Mary Pickford Theatre is D'Place
 - Palm Springs Lanes (bowling)
- *Museum, Monuments, and Memorials*
 - Museum of Ancient Wonders (MoAW)
 - Desert Memorial Park - Visit the gravesites of Frank Sinatra, Sonny Bono, and other celebrities



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RANCHO MIRAGE

- *Art Galleries*
 - Allan Pitchko Galleries
 - Baxter Art, LLC
 - Maxson Art Studio Gallery
 - The Backdoor Gallery
- *Attractions*
 - Rancho Mirage Library and Observatory
 - Sunnylands Center & Gardens / Annenberg Estate
Closed June 7 - September 14, 2021
- *Museums & Observatories*
 - Children's Discovery Museum
 - National Museum of Golf Carts
 - Tolerance Education Center



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PALM DESERT

- *Attractions*
 - Living Desert Zoo & Botanical Gardens
 - McCallum Theatre for the Performing Arts
 - Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor's Center
 - Street Fair at College of the Desert (arts, crafts, food vendors, and open-air market on Saturdays)
- *El Paseo - The "Rodeo Drive" of the Desert*
 - Dining
 - Shopping
 - Art Galleries
- *Museums, Memorials, and Gardens*
 - Desert Holocaust Memorial
 - Palm Desert Historical Society Museum
 - Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert - *permanently closed*
 - Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden

- *Art Galleries*
 - A Fine Art Gallery on El Paseo
 - CODA Gallery on El Paseo
 - D Gallery on El Paseo on El Paseo
 - Dawson Cole Fine Art on El Paseo
 - Denise Roberge Art Gallery on El Paseo
 - Desert Art & Home on El Paseo
 - Desert Art Collection on El Paseo
 - El Paseo Art Walk
 - Elena Bulatova Gallery on El Paseo
 - Filsinger Gallery on El Paseo
 - Hallmark Galleries
 - Heather James Fine Art on El Paseo
 - Hohmann Gallery
 - Imago Galleries
 - Izen Miller Gallery on El Paseo
 - J. Willot Gallery on El Paseo
 - Johns & Terwilliger Galleries on El Paseo
 - Judy Nemer Skiar Gallery
 - Melissa Morgan Fine Art on El Paseo
 - Ramey Fine Art on El Paseo
 - The Art Place
 - Von Wenig Art on El Paseo



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INDIAN WELLS

- *Attractions*
 - Indian Wells Tennis Garden
- *Memorials and Monuments*
 - Eisenhower Walk of Honor

LA QUINTA

- *Art Galleries*
 - Images Fine Art Gallery & Garden
 - La Quinta Gallery of Fine Art
 - La Quinta Art Celebration
- *Museum*
 - La Quinta Historical Society Museum
- *Picturesque Old Town La Quinta*
 - Dining
 - Galleries
 - Shopping
- *Theater / Entertainment*
 - Marvyn's Magic Theater



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INDIO AND EAST COACHELLA VALLEY

- *Art Galleries and Exhibits*
 - Coachella Valley Art Center
 - The Murals of Indio and Coachella
 - Salvation Mountain
- *Attractions*
 - Coachella Valley Agri-Tourism Trail (see sightseeing tours)
 - Empire Polo Club - Golf Cart Polo, Exhibition Polo Match
 - Metate Ranch - San Andreas Fault
 - Oasis Date Garden
 - Salton Sea and Slab City
 - Shield's Date Garden
- *Jeep and Hiking Areas*
 - Painted Canyon / Mecca Hills Wilderness Area
 - Metate Ranch - San Andreas Fault
- *Museums*
 - Cabazon Cultural Museum - Indio
 - Coachella Valley Museum & Cultural Center - Indio
 - General Patton Memorial Museum - Chiriaco Summit



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DESERT HOT SPRINGS / N. COACHELLA VALLEY

Points of Interest North of the I-10 Freeway

- *Attractions*
 - Cabazon Dinosaurs
 - Magic Jungle Wildlife Preserve (animal sanctuary)
 - Windmills
 - Desert Hills Premium Outlets (shopping)
- *Hiking Areas*
 - Coachella Valley Preserve / Thousand Palms Oasis
 - Mission Creek Preserve
 - Whitewater Canyon Preserve
- *Museum*
 - Cabot's Old Indian Pueblo Museum



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JOSHUA TREE AND THE HIGH DESERT

- *Art Galleries and Museums*
 - Joshua Tree Art Gallery
 - Noah Purifoy Outdoor Desert Art Museum
- *Attractions*
 - Big Morongo Preserve
 - Integratron - Landers, CA
 - Joshua Tree National Park
 - Pioneer Town

